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Fellow OCS Graduates,

We will be sending you an update of our chapter activities each calendar quarter. All of our chapters are open to OCS graduates of all Army components, Active, Reserve and National Guard. This includes all branches, whether you graduated from Army OCS at a branch OCS years ago or received your branch training after OCS graduation, as we do now in the Army system.

If you wish to join an existing chapter that contact information is provided below. There are no dues at the chapter level.



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We are currently working at forming new chapters around the country so let me know where you live and if you are interested in helping to form a chapter in your area. It's a fairly simple process and I will work with you all the way. Once COVID is mitigated we will be free to start meeting again in person and share that bond that unites us with camaraderie, networking, learning and honoring our fellow veterans in many ways.

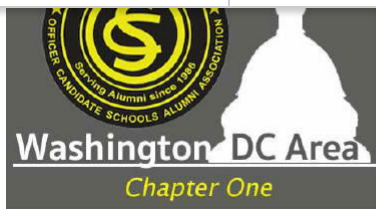
Feel free to contact me or any chapter commander at any time.

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Greetings:

Until we can meet in person, we will continue to have virtual meetings & presentations. On Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00PM we had a presentation from Professor Will Hitchcock of the University of Virginia, His topic was "The Importance of President Ike." Hitchcock is an expert on the post-WWII years. His book, "The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950's" was a New York Times bestseller.

Professor Hitchcock holds a PhD in history from Yale University and is currently the William W. Corcoran Professor of History at the University of Virginia.
(Washington DC Chapter Con't)

March meeting: In cooperation with Post 20 of the American Legion at the National Press Club, Chapter One of the USAOCSAA will hold a meeting via Zoom on Monday, March 8, at 7pm EST. The guest speaker will be SGM Gavin McIlvanna, USA (Ret), President of the Society of the Honor Guard – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (TUS). This year in November will mark the centennial of the TUS. SGM McIlvanna will discuss events planned for and leading up to the centennial. More details will follow.

Our Washington DC Chapter One of the USAOCSAA serves OCS alumni in the greater Washington DC area. Anyone with any questions about the chapter or its activities please feel free to contact me.



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Welcome from the Sunshine State!

Our last meeting was on November 21, 2020 at the Nancy Lopez Club House Restaurant at The Villages.

We discussed the Paver Program at Fort Benning and the planned national reunion in May 2021. We currently have 77 members in our Florida chapter and we have four Brothers-In-Arms from the Fort Knox OCS that are joining our ranks.

The two pictures to the right are from our November meeting. Attendance was a bit sparse due to COVID but we had a good meeting. Upper



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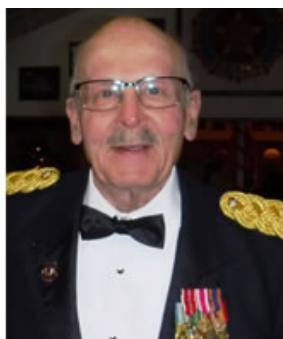
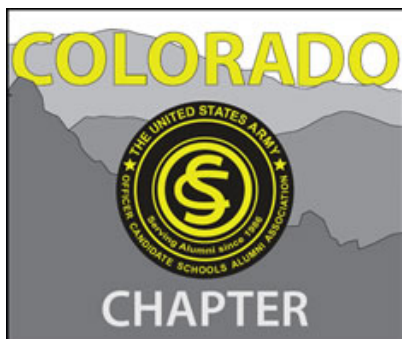
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our members in attendance.

We will have our annual election of officers in Tampa on March 20, 2021. That is, if the good Lord is willing and the creek does not rise or we get some unusual COVID strain in Florida.

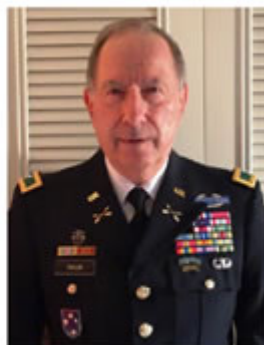
Anyone, including snow birds, who want to join the Florida Sunshine State Chapter please contact me.



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The United States Army Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association (Chapter Two), in Colorado, serves all the graduates of all the OCS Branch programs. Our mission is to serve and honor the OCS program and its graduates living in Colorado. Our purpose is to further the ideals and promote the welfare of OCS, the Officer Corps and the US Army.

If you live in Colorado, please contact me as we make plans to get together when the COVID Pandemic winds down.



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on the books. Membership and/or attendance at meetings is open to all OCS Alumni in Ohio and in the states contiguous to Ohio. And if you want to come from a state further away, that's OK by us.

Our plan to have at least two meetings per year: One in southern Ohio (Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, etc.) and one in the northern sector, Cleveland, Akron, Canton, etc. Other meetings or special events are possible, once this COVID mess abates and we can meet face to face. We are hoping to have our first live meeting sometime in May or June in Columbus. Currently we communicate by monthly newsletters shown to the right.

Late last year the Ohio Buckeye Chapter had a paver emplaced at the OCS Walk of Honor at Fort Benning.

Ohio has a lot to see and do (National Veterans Memorial and Museum – Columbus; Rock & Roll Hall of Fame – Cleveland; Football Hall of Fame – Canton, etc.)

So if you are planning to vacation this summer in Ohio, check with me, maybe the chapter will be having something going on and you can join us! If you recently moved to Ohio or are planning to do so, we welcome you to join our chapter.

And congratulations to Ohio chapter member BG (Ret) John "Steve" Martin, who was selected for induction into the OCS Hall of Fame, class of 2021!



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Hello Everyone,

I hope you're looking forward to warmer weather and are doing well. I am in the final throes of standing up the OCS Alumni Kentucky Chapter. We have 89 Alumni members in the state of Kentucky. It is required to have 10 "Founding Members". We have 8 so I am looking for two more of you to volunteer your names as

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members in Kentucky automatically are considered members of the chapter.

Initially we will aim to have quarterly meetings and do it via Zoom and/or teleconferencing. When we can meet in person, we'll gather in various locations across the state and use technology to feed into those who can't attend.

A little about me: Fort Benning OCS Class 5-82, 51st Company. I retired as a Colonel from the Pentagon in 2004 where I was assigned as the Chief, Leader Development Division – Army G-3. Before that, I was the OCS Battalion Commander and then attended the Army War College. I moved to Lexington in February, 2020 (Just in time for COVID to hit hard). I am involved in our local community where I am now on the Home Owners Association board and was recently selected to be in the OCS Hall of Fame, class of 2021.

Let me hear from you ...you have my contact information above. I need two more of you Bluegrass Citizens to step up and be a founding member so we can get started with a Kentucky Chapter!



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